



# WHITESTOWN METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

*Dennis R Anderson - Chief of Police*



## WMPD Report to Council May 2019

### UPDATE: Badge Pinning for new Public Safety Officers

1. The 2019 PSO hiring process is complete and we are ready to move onto their official badge pinning ceremony.

Our new Public Safety Officers are:

- a. David Edwards, #521
- b. Kenton Mustain, #523
- c. Yevgeniy "John" Pogorov, #535
- d. Kendall Schuck, #536

### STATISTICS: (Snap-shot)

	MAR/2017	-	MAR/2018	-	MAR/2019
1. Calls for Service comparisons:	1288		1390		1341 <
2. Arrests: (All Categories)	38		30		66 >
3. Crash Reports: (All Categories)	25		22		20 <
4. Overdose/death (Investigations)			1/1		0/0 <

\*\*\*<complete static report attached>

**Update: Police Building.**

1. Pre-bid meeting was held on Wednesday, April 24, 2019. A number of contractors attended and completed a site walkthrough with our Owners Representative and RQAW. The feeling remains that we are in good shape for the bidding process.

**Update: WMPD Digital Forensic Unit**

1. Detective Sellers has completed his first of many digital forensic certifications. He and Ed Savage (Ret.) have been providing forensic services to ZPD and the BC Homicide Taskforce on the recent Zionsville homicide investigation.

**2019 Fleet Update: Motorcycles**

1. I learned upon delivery of the new police motorcycles that Harley Davidson is requiring individual leases for each of the motorcycles within the HD Police Lease Program. As you may recall, the HD Police Program provides new motorcycles every three years. Police agencies need only purchase their preference of emergency equipment (Emergency lights, siren, radio, radar, gun mounts etc.) with a local HD dealer moving the equipment from bike to bike. No additional funding is needed. The original Council Resolution 2018-52 does not provide for the HD Leases, only for the Huntington lease. Dennis Otten is completing a Resolution to correct this along with an additional Opinion of Counsel for your consideration. This matter was approved at the Board of Police Commission meeting on Thursday, May 2, 2019 with a unanimous recommendation to approve by the Town Council.

**Surplus Equipment: Out of Service Vehicles**

1. On 3/5/2019 the Police Commission voted unanimously to send two (2) surplus police SUV's that were originally obtained from Westfield PD to auction. This also needs to be authorized by the Town Council. (1) 2005 Ford Explorer 05-7947 and (1) 2006 Ford Explorer 06-9242.
2. On 5/2/2019 the Police Commission voted unanimously to donate a 2012 Chevy Tahoe PPV (Surplus Code Enforcement vehicle) 12-0583 to the Advance Police Department. This also needs to be authorized by the Town Council.

**Canine Retirement: Public Relations Canine Nessie**

1. The decision to retire canine Nessie for the department was approved by the Police Commission on 5/2/2019. In recent weeks, canine Nessie had developed major anxiety issues that affects her Public Relations role. It was determined by her handler, trainer and veterinarian that removing Nessie from her PR duties and retire her to a good home life only is in Nessie's best interest.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

1. The next in the “Behind the Badge” series was released on May 1, 2019, featuring Detective David Sellers.
2. PSO/Sgt. John Jurkash, PSO Elizabeth Campbell and PSO David Edwards attended a Career Networking Event at Wabash College.
3. WMPD held its 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 Meet the Chiefs’ Night on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Eagles Nest Pool
4. The next Meet the Chiefs’ Night will be held on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Walker Farms Pool.

Respectfully submitted;

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